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DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the plan formulated for the development and expansion of Telecommunication in the country in general and Karnataka in particular during the Tenth Plan Period;

(b) the funds earmarked therefor;

(c) whether the areas have been identified for private sector participation in the Telecom Sector during that plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) The salient features of the Tenth Five Year Plan formulated for the development and expansion of Telecommunication in the country is as follows:

1. Provision of universal service to all uncovered areas, including rural areas.

2. Building a modern and efficient telecommunications infrastructure to meet the convergence of telecom, IT and the media.

3. Transformation of the telecommunications sector to a greater competitive environment providing equal opportunities and level playing field for all the players.

4. Strengthening R&D efforts in the country.

5. Enabling Indian telecom companies to become truly global players.

The targets for Tenth Five Year Plan of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL)including Karnataka and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) are given in the Annexure-I & Annexure-II respectively.The Annual Plan for the circles of BSNLare prepared on yearly basis, therefore it is not possible to give the targets set during Tenth Five Year Plan as a whole for Karnataka Telecom Circle. However, the targets and achievement for 2002-2003 for Karnataka Telecom Circle is given in the Annexure-I.

(b) The financial outlay of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for the Tenth Five Year Plan is Rs. 66412 Crores.The allocation of funds for individual states/circles is made on yearly basis. The funds allotted for BSNL as a whole forthe year 2002-2003 are to the tune of Rs. 10804.94 Crores and for Karnataka Telecom Circle in particular as Rs. 633.32 Crores. The funds earmarked by MTNL for the Tenth Five Year Plan is Rs. 11955.46 Crores.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. However, the National Development Council (NDC)document, as approved by the Government, has indicated an addition of 255 lakh Direct Exchange Lines by the private sector during the Tenth Plan period.

ANNEXURE-I

Physical Targets- Network proposed to be added during Tenth Five Year Plan 2002-2007) of BSNL.

Sl. No.	Parameter	Unit	Target
1	(a) Fixed Phones	Lakhs	81.7
	(b) Mobile Phones	-do-	218.34
	(c) WLL Phones	-do-	67.60
	Total	-do-	367.64

2	Optical Fibre Kilometres)	RKms (Route	250000
3.	Microwave	-do-	15000
4.	TAX Lines	Lakhs	57.60

Targets – Achievement for 2002-03 i.e. 1st Year of Tenth Five Year Plan for Karnataka Telecom Circle.

Sl.No.	Telecom Parameter	During 2002-2003	
		Target	Achievement
1.	DELs(Lines)	430000	362151
2.	Switching Capacity (Lines)	455350	475133
3.	TAX (Lines)	17500	18500
4.	OFC (RKms)	1500	2802
5.	Microwave (RKms)	0	174

ANNEXURE-II

Some of the salient features of Tenth Five Year Plan for MTNL (Delhi and Mumbai) are as under:-

1. Use of New Technology like ADSL, HDSL, DLC in the Access Network and introduce DWDM in the backbone and junction network.

2. The deployment of smart card based payphone.

3. Provision of data services, call centers and entertainment based services.

4. Replacement of first generation digital E10B Switches.

5. Replacement of paper core cable.

Physical Targets for Tenth Five Year Plan:

Sl.No.	Item	Total
1	Landline DELs+WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) Phones	1599098
2	Mobile Phones	1157500
3	Switching capacity including WLL	1782000
4	GSM capacity	1275000
5	TAX/Tandem capacity	448000
6	OF Cable(RKms.)	9930
7	Internet capacity	410000
8	Replacement of E 10 B Exchanges	923150
9	PCUT (Paper Core Unit Twin) cable	583

replacement(LCKM) (Lakh conductor Kilometre)